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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MILAN DC LEADER MAZZOTTA

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1. CONGEN AND DPO LUNCHEDED JUNE 1 WITH ROBERTO MAZZOTTA, EX-DC MILAN SECRETARY AND LEADER OF GROUP OF 100 WHICH UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO BLOCK DC AGREEMENT WITH PCI THAT ALLOWED LATER TO JOIN GOVERNING MAJORITY IN MARCH (SEE MILAN 0371). HE GAVE US HIS ESTIMATE OF WHERE DC IS AND WHERE IT IS HEADED.

2. MAZZOTTA WAS NOT FOR NEW ELECTIONS ANYTIME SOON. IT WAS IN DC INTEREST TO MAINTAIN PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HOLDING PCI FEET TO FIRE. MAZZOTTA ADMITTED HE HAD FAVORED EARLY ELECTIONS BEFORE MARCH AGREEMENT STRUCK. BUT NOW AGREEMENT WAS REALITY AND IT WAS NO USE WISHING IT WASN'T.

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3. DIDN'T THAT MEAN THAT MAZZOTTA'S POSITION COINCIDED IN FACT WITH THAT OF LOMBARDY REGIONAL PRESIDENT GOLFARI AND HIS DC LEFTIST BASE FACTION, I.E. THAT DC SHOULD COLLABORATE IN SHORT RUN WITH PCI AS WAY OF EXPOSING PCI CONTRADICTIONS AND SETTING IT UP FOR ELECTORAL LOSSES? MAZZOTTA PROTESTED THAT HE STOOD FOR MUCH LESS COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNISTS

BUT ADMITTED THAT, CONCRETELY AND AT THIS MOMENT, TWO APPROACHES WERE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME.

4. IF RIGHT POLICY FOR DC WAS TO CONTINUE TACTICAL COLLABORATION WITH PCI, WHAT WAS ROLE OF MAZZOTTA'S GROUP OF 100 PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO HAD OPPOSED SOLUTION THAT MORO HAD ORCHESTRATED BUT WHOM MORO HAD DEFEATED?

5. GROUP WAS NOT DEAD, MAZZOTTA REPLIED, BUT ITS GOALS AND MODUS OPERANDI HAD CHANGED. OBJECTIVE NOW WAS NOT TO BREAK EXISTING ARRANGEMENT WITH PCI BUT TO BUILD UP SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS WHEN TIME CAME TO ADVANCE THEM. GROUP NOW COMPRISED ABOUT 20 DEPUTIES AND 10 SENATORS, GOOD HARD CORE OF BEST TALENT IN PARLIAMENT. GROUP WAS NOT TRYING TO ALARM PARTY REGULARS BUT TO WORK QUIETLY FOR LONG TERM RESULTS. IT EXCLUDED DE CAROLIS ON RIGHT AND GRANELLI ON LEFT.

6. IN LONG PARENTHESIS ON DE CAROLIS, MAZZOTTA SAID SPLIT BETWEEN TWO WAS AMIABLE AND DISTATED ONLY BY TACTICAL REASONS. HE WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE WHO WANTED TO PURGE DC OF DE CAROLIS. ON CONTRARY, PARTY NEEDED HIM. PROBLEM WAS THAT DE CAROLIS WAS ACTIVIST LONER WHO DID NOT FIT INTO OPERATION THAT DEMANDED TEAMWORK. SO IT WAS BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED THAT DE CAROLIS WORK ON HIS OWN.

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7. WHAT ABOUT PCI, ACCORDING TO MAZZOTTA? PARTY, HE SAID, HAD SUFFERED SEVERE LOSS IN RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS AND WOULD HAVE TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BEGIN TO MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT FOR DC IN PARLIAMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY DO ITS BEST TO RECOUP VOTES ON LEFT. IT COULD NOT AFFORD TO BREAK PRESENT LEGISLATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DC. BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO SHOW ITS ELECTORATE THAT IT WAS NO PATSY FOR DC EITHER.

8. MAZZOTTA INDICATED THAT DC HAD NOT INTENTION OF USING ELECTION VICTORY TO BEHAVE MORE AGGRESSIVELY TOWARD PCI. ANDREOTTI, HE SAID, WAS NOT ALTHGETHER PLEASED OVER ELECTION RESULTS WHOSE CONSEQUENCE HAD TO BE REACTION WITHIN PCI THAT WOULD MAKE MANAGEMENT OF DC-PCI AGREEMENT MORE DIFFICULT. THIS BEING CASE, HE HAD NO INTENTION FURTHER TO EXCITE COMMUNISTS BY BACKING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHOM PCI DISAPPROVED. OR BY NAMING NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR UNACCEPTABLE TO COMMUNISTS. THAT WAS WHY NEW MINISTER HAD NOT BEEN PICKED.

9. WHO WAS NEW DE FACTO HEAD OF DC? ANDREOTTI, SAID MAZZOTTA. HE AND ZACCAGNINI WERE NOW TWO FOCAL POINTS OF POWER WITHIN PARTY AND THEY WERE GETTING ALONG WELL AT MOMENT. THEY WERE

ALSO PARTY'S TWO LEADING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, WITH ZACCAGNINI SEVERAL STEPS AHEAD.

10. WITH REGARD TO US, MAZZOTTA SAID HE WOULD SOON MAKE ANOTHER TRIP LIKE THAT LAST FALL AND THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DIMINISHED HUNDRED WOULD DO SAME. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT DC SHOW ITS FACE IN US - PARTICULARLY IN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY - WHERE NORMALLY ONLY PCI OFFICIALS HAD TAKEN TROUBLE TO BECOME KNOWN. AT SAME TIME, MAZZOTTA THOUGHT PCI HAD EXHAUSTED PROPAGANDA VALUE OF ITS OFFICIALS' CAREFULLY CALIBRATED TRIPS TO US. THAT HAD WORKED ONCE OR TWICE, BUT NOW PEOPLE SMILED WHEN THEY HEARD WHAT A FINE FIGURE NAPOLITANO HAD CUT IN AMERICA. IF USG WERE TO BACK AWAY FROM ITS VERY HELPFUL STATEMENT OF JAN 12, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER MATTER. PCI WOULD BENEFIT  
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GREATLY IN ITALY. BUT TRIPS BY PCI PEOPLE TO US WERE NOW OLD HAT AND ITALIANS WERE NO LONGER IMPRESSED.

11. ALL IN ALL, MAZZOTTA WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC. SIX MONTHS AGO PEOPLE LIKE HIMSELF WHO SAID PCI IN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INEVITABILITY WERE CALLED CRAZY. NOW EVERNT HAD SHOWN THEM RIGHT. DANGER WAS NOW OVER FOR SOME CONDIERABLE TIME TO COME. HE WAS ASHAMED TO SAY THAT DC COULD NOT CLAIM MUCH CREDIT FOR THIS. COMMUNISTS HAD BROUGHT ON THEIR OWN DEFEAT BY APPEARING TOO MODERATE. BUT THAT FACT, COUPLED WITH GENERALIZED CATHOLIC REJECTION OF EXTREMISM AND RETURN TO ORTHODOX POSITIONS, MEANT THAT THINGS NOW LOOKED BETTER FOR DC AND FOR ITALIAN DEMOCRACY THAN THEY HAD IN LONG TIME.FINA

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